1	2	3
Rubber pipes and tubes	30%	25%
Sewing thread (nylon or polyester blended)	34.5% 69%	23%
Sharbat, thandai & similar products	50%	20%
Travel sets for personal toilet	50%	40%

Steps to encourage Tourism in Punjab

*40. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by the Central Government to encourage tourism in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, Central Department of Tourism sanctioned Rs. 471.65 lakhs for development of tourism infrastructure in the State of Punjab during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

In addition information on tourist places in Punjab are included in the publicity material produced by the Department of Tourism.

Failure of Southern Grid

113. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the failure of Southern grid during mid November which hit four States; and

(b) whether any inquiry was conducted for such failure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) On 14.11.1995, at 08.14 hrs. due to a grid disturbance in the Southern Region, there was total black out in Karnataka and a partial blackout in Andhra Pradesh. The Tamil Nadu and the Kerala systems islanded and survived.

As per first information received from POWERGRID, in the Srisailam—Tallapalli 220 KV ckt—I transmission line of APSEB, a conductor snapped and a cross arm fell causing all lines from Srisailam to trip. Consequently all units at Srisailam H.E.P. also tripped, causing a dip in frequency and further tripping of some other CHV lines and generating units in other parts of the grid.

(b) While no formal Committee has been constituted for enquiring into the above grid disturbance, the Standing Protection Committee of SRED is looking into it.

Banks to go on strike

114. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four major unions in the public sector banking industry have decided to go on strike from December 19 to press their demand for reconstruction of pay scales for clerks and sub-staff; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what steps are being taken to avert the strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) While no formal notice has been received by the concerned authorities till 24th November, 1995, there are reports to the effect that the 4 major unions representing workmen in the banking industry are contemplating a stike from December 19, 1995 in support of their demands.

(b) The Unions have sought, *inter-alia* re-construction of pay scales for clerical staff and sub-staff consequent on the agreement between the Indian Banks'